

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 5179–5193; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 445, were introduced. **Page H5194**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4547, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for military activities of the Department of Defense and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2003, amended (H. Rept. 107–603);

H.R. 4965, to prohibit the procedure commonly known as partial-birth abortion (H. Rept. 107–604);

H.R. 3609, to amend title 49, United States Code, to enhance the security and safety of pipelines, amended (H. Rept. 107–605, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3609, to amend title 49, United States Code, to enhance the security and safety of pipelines, amended (H. Rept. 107–605, Pt. 2);

H. Res. 437, requesting that the President focus appropriate attention on neighborhood crime prevention and community policing, and coordinate certain Federal efforts to participate in “National Night Out”, including by supporting local efforts and neighborhood watches and by supporting local officials to provide homeland security (H. Rept. 107–606);

H. Res. 497, providing for the consideration of H.R. 4628, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System (H. Rept. 107–607);

H. Res. 498, providing for consideration of H.R. 4965, to prohibit the procedure commonly known as partial-birth abortion (H. Rept. 107–608); and

H.R. 5005, to establish the Department of Homeland Security, amended (H. Rept. 107–609).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Schrock to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Captain Jeff Struecker, Chaplain, United States Army, 1st Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment of Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal of Monday, July 23 by a ye-and-nay vote of 339 yeas to 45 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 326.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:34 a.m. and reconvened 10 a.m.

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Defense and Homeland Security Supplemental Appropriations Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4775, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 by a ye-and-nay vote of 397 yeas to 32 nays, Roll No. 328. The conference report was considered pursuant to the order of the House of July 22, 2002.

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Trade With Vietnam—Maintained Normal Trade Relations: The House failed to pass H.J. Res. 101, disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Vietnam by a ye-and-nay vote of 91 yeas to 338 nays, Roll No. 329. The joint resolution was considered pursuant to the order of the House of July 22, 2002.

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Treasury and Postal Operations Appropriations: The House completed debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 5120, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003. Consideration will resume on Wednesday, July 24.

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Agreed To:

Rogers amendment No. 13 printed in the Congressional Record of July 16 that increases funding for the United States Customs Service Salaries and Expenses funding by \$700,000 for six customs agents to inspect Canadian trash coming into Michigan and decreases Internal Revenue Service Processing, Assistance, and Management funding accordingly;

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Millender-McDonald amendment No. 19 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17 that makes available \$600,000 in National Archives and Records Administration Operating Expenses funding for the preservation of the records of the Freedmen’s Bureau;

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Kucinich amendment No. 17 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17 that strikes section 513 which exempted contracts under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program from the cost accounting standards promulgated under section 26 of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act;

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Flake amendment No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of July 15 that prohibits the use of any funding to administer or enforce part 515 of

title 31, Code of Federal Regulations (the Cuban Assets Control regulations) with respect to travel to Cuba (agreed to by a recorded vote of 262 ayes to 167 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 331);

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Flake amendment No. 20 printed in the Congressional Record of July 18 that prohibits the use of any funding to enforce any restriction on remittances to nationals of Cuba (agreed to by a recorded vote of 251 ayes to 177 noes, Roll No. 332); and

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Moran of Kansas amendment No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of July 15 that prohibits the use of any funding to implement sanctions imposed by the United States on private commercial sales of agricultural commodities, medicine, or medical supplies to Cuba.

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Rejected:

Goss amendment printed in H. Rept. 107–585 that sought to require the President to certify to Congress that the Government of Cuba does not possess biological weapons, is not developing or providing terrorist states or terrorist organizations the technology to develop biological weapons, and is not providing support or sanctuary to international terrorists before any limitation on funding is applied to the enforcement and administration of travel restrictions to Cuba (rejected by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 330); and

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Rangel amendment No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of July 15 that sought to prohibit the use of any funding to implement, administer, or enforce the economic embargo of Cuba (rejected by a recorded vote of 204 ayes to 226 noes, Roll No. 333).

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Points of Order sustained Against:

Language on page 74, lines 15 through 25 dealing with affidavits signed by employees to certify their United States citizenship and permanent resident status; and

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Section 646 that deals with corporate expatriates.

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The House agreed to H. Res. 488, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill on July 18.

Order of Business—Further Consideration of Treasury and Postal Operations Appropriations: Agreed that during further consideration of H.R. 5120 in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to H. Res. 488, no further amendment to the bill may be offered except: Pro forma amendments offered by the Chairman or ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees for the purpose of debate; amendments numbered 2, 8, 12, and 18 in the Congressional Record, which shall be debatable for 5 minutes each; an amendment by

Representative Barr of Georgia regarding a national media campaign and an amendment by Representative George Miller of California regarding a Federal Acquisition Regulation, both of which shall be debatable for 20 minutes each; amendment numbered 16 in the Congressional Record, an amendment by Representative Hoyer regarding High Sea Repairs, and the amendment by Representative Hefley, placed at the desk, all of which shall be debatable for 10 minutes each; amendment numbered 21 in the Congressional Record, which shall be debatable for 40 minutes; and an amendment by Representative Sanders regarding taxation of pension plans, which shall be debatable for 30 minutes. Each such amendment may be offered only by the member designated in this request, or a designee, or the Member who caused it to be printed, or a designee, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

National Aviation Capacity Expansion: H.R. 3479, amended, to expand aviation capacity in the Chicago Area (agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 343 yeas to 87 nays, Roll No. 327). Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To expand aviation capacity.”; and

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Pipeline Infrastructure Protection: H.R. 3609, amended, to amend title 49, United States Code, to enhance the security and safety of pipelines (agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 423 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 334).

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Suspension Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on motions to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Further proceedings on the motions were postponed:

Improving Access to Long-Term Care: H.R. 4946, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide health care incentives related to long-term care; and

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FY 2003 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003: H.R. 4547, amended, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for military activities of the Department of Defense and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2003.

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Privileged Resolution: Representative Sanchez notified the House of her intention to offer a resolution as a question of the privileges of the House and that the text reads as follows: In the matter of James A.

Traficant, Jr.; Resolved, that, pursuant to Article 1, Section 5, Clause 2 of the United States Constitution, Representative James A. Traficant, Jr., be, and he hereby is, expelled from the House of Representatives.

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Discharge Petitions: Pursuant to Clause 2 of Rule XV, Representative Carson moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 479, providing for consideration of H.R. 3818, to protect investors by enhancing regulation of public auditors, improving corporate governance, overhauling corporate disclosure made pursuant to the securities laws (Discharge Petition No. 9) and Representative Phelps moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 480, providing for consideration of H.R. 4098, to provide for criminal prosecution of persons who alter or destroy evidence in certain Federal investigations or defraud investors of publicly traded securities, to disallow debts incurred in violation of securities fraud laws from being discharged in bankruptcy, to protect whistleblowers against retaliation by their employers (Discharge Petition No. 10).

Late Report Select Committee on Homeland Security: Agreed that the Select Committee on Homeland Security have until 3 a.m. on Wednesday, July 24 to file a report on H.R. 5005, to establish the Department of Homeland Security.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5195–H5200.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on pages H5098, H5288–89, H5289, H5289–90, H5304, H5305, H5305–06, H5306, and H5307. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:13 a.m. on Wednesday, July 24.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCIAL SHIPBUILDING

Committee on Armed Services: Special Oversight Panel on the Merchant Marine held a hearing on commercial shipbuilding in the United States and the Maritime Security Program. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR SCHOOL CHOICE?

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on "What's Next for School Choice?" Testimony was heard from Representative Arme; and public witnesses.

COMPULSORY UNION DUES AND CORPORATE CAMPAIGNS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on "Compulsory Union Dues and Corporate Campaigns." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INSURANCE COVERAGE OF MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing titled "Insurance Coverage of Mental Health Benefits." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OFFICE OF FEDERAL HOUSING ENTERPRISE OVERSIGHT'S RISK-BASED CAPITAL STRESS TEST FOR FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing regarding the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight's (OFHEO) risk-based capital stress test for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Testimony was heard from Armando Falcon, Jr., Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

HOMELAND SECURITY; PROTECTING STRATEGIC PORTS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs, and International Relations held a hearing on Homeland Security: Protecting Strategic Ports. Testimony was heard from Maj. Gen. Kenneth L. Privratsky, USA, Commander, Military Traffic Management Command, Department of Defense; the following officials of the Department of Transportation: William G. Schubert, Maritime Administrator; and Rear Adm. Paul J. Pluta, USCG, Assistant Commandant, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection, U.S. Coast Guard; Raymond Decker, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management Team, GAO; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa approved for full Committee action the following resolutions: H. Con. Res. 287, expressing the sense of Congress relating to efforts of the Peace Parks Foundation in the Republic of South Africa to facilitate the establishment and development of transfrontier conservation efforts in southern Africa; and H. Con. Res. 421, recognizing the importance of inheritance rights of women in Africa.